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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PowerWheel Associates

Project No. 12119-000

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EXEMPTION BY IMPLIED SURRENDER
AND SOLICITING COMMENTS AND MOTIONS TO INTERVENE

Take notice that the following hydroelectric proceeding has been initiated by the Commission:

- a. Type of Proceeding: Termination of Exemption by Implied Surrender
- b. Project No.: 12119-000
- c. Date Initiated: November 20, 2012
- d. Exemptee: PowerWheel Associates
- e. Name and Location of Project: The Powerwheel Demonstration Project is located on Semitropic Water Storage District's (SWSD) main intake canal at Station 70+50 in Kern County, California.
- f. Issued Pursuant to: 18 CFR 6.4 (2011)
- g. Exemptee Contact Information: Mr. Kenneth R. Broome, PowerWheel Associates, 100 Rocky Creek Road, Woodside, CA 94062; phone (650) 529-1810.
- h. FERC Contact: Anthony DeLuca, (202) 502-6632
- i. Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be sent to: The Secretary,

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. Please include the project number (P-12119-000) on any documents or motions filed.

j. Description of Project Facilities: The project consists of an existing concrete-lined canal, a waterwheel, 7 feet in external diameter, 3½ feet in internal diameter and 14½ feet long, that is operated in a “run-of-conduit” mode. It has one 75-kW generating unit installed at the sloping drop structure located at Station 70+50 of the Semitropic Water Storage District’s (SWSD) main intake canal.

k. Description of Proceeding: The Powerwheel Demonstration Project was constructed by the exemptee in 2003. The project was built for demonstration purposes and not intended to be a permanent hydroelectric facility. In several letters to the Commission in 2010 and 2011, the exemptee requested removal of the project from Commission jurisdiction, and stated that it was previously dismantled and removed from the canal drop. Efforts by Commission staff to contact the exemptee to request a formal application to surrender the exemption have been unanswered.

l. This notice is available for review and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the Docket number (P-2927) in the docket number field to access the notice. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission’s mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene -- Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents -- Any filing must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the project number of the proceeding to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, protests or motions to intervene must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, protests, or motions to intervene should relate to project works, which are the subject of the termination of exemption. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the exemptee specified in item g above. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this notice must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

p. Agency Comments – Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described proceeding. If any agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments.

Dated: December 19, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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